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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY APPEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION
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1. RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN FRANCIS E. DORN, PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE APPEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION, PLAN TO VISIT ROMANIA, USSR AND HUNGARY LATE AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER AS DESCRIBED BELOW, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. DORN AND RABBI SCHNEIER'S 14-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER KAREN. DEPARTMENT HOPES TO PROVIDE EXACT SCHEDULE WITH FLIGHT NUMBERS AT A LATER DATE. THIS CABLE IS TO INFORM EMBASSIES OF THEIR GENERAL ITINERARY, PLANS, AND REQUESTS OF EMBASSIES.

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2. BUCHAREST: ACCORDING TO SCHNEIER, AMBASSADOR BARNES IS

FAMILIAR WITH THEIR PLANS. THEY EXPECT TO ARRIVE AUGUST 22 FROM FRANKFURT AND STAY AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. GROUP WILL MAKE SYMBOLIC PRESENTATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH ALDEA; ACTUAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE SHIPPED LATER. ACTION REQUESTED: A) PLEASE NAME EMBASSY CONTACT. B) IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SCHEDULE MEETING WITH CHARGE OR APPROPRIATE OFFICER MORNING AUGUST 23.

3. MOSCOW: GROUP PLANS TO ARRIVE MOSCOW FROM BUCHAREST AUGUST 24 AND REMAIN UNTIL AUGUST 29 WHEN THEY WILL TRAVEL BY AIR VIA LVOV TO UZHGOROD. IN MOSCOW THEY HAVE TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT AUGUST 26 WITH DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS TITOV. SCHNEIER FEELS THAT IN JANUARY 1976 HE RECEIVED FROM TITOV A COMMITMENT THAT THE MUKACHEVO JEWISH CEMETERY WOULD BE PRESERVED, I.E., THERE WOULD BE NO MORE BURIALS BUT THE CEMETERY WOULD BE KEPT UP AND NOT USED AS A CONSTRUCTION SITE. GROUP PLANS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH TITOV IN MOSCOW, AND TRAVEL FROM UZHGOROD TO VISIT CEMETERY AND TALK TO LOCAL RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS. ACTION REQUESTED: A) PLEASE NAME EMBASSY CONTACT. B) IF POSSIBLE GROUP WOULD LIKE TO MEET AMBASSADOR STOESSEL EVENING AUGUST 24 OR MORNING AUGUST 25. SCHNEIER IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING MUKACHEVO CEMETERY AND STATUS OF CHAPEL FACILITIES IN PLANS FOR NEW US CHANCERY. C) WORKING THROUGH SIMIRO TRAVEL OF NEW YORK CITY, GROUP HAS BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN INTOURIST HOTEL CONFIRMATION IN UZHGOROD ONLY FOR AUGUST 29. AFTER ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW THEY HOPE TO EXTEND STAY IN UZHGOROD ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL NIGHTS; WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

4. BUDAPEST: GROUP PLANS TO ARRIVE BY TRAIN AUGUST 31 OR SEPTEMBER 1, DEPENDING ON ABILITY TO OBTAIN EXTENSION OF ACCOMMODATIONS IN UZHGOROD AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. WHILE IN BUDAPEST THEY PLAN TO MEET CHAIRMAN MIKLOS OF COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, AND CONSULT ABOUT FOUR SOVIET RABBINICAL STUDENTS NOW STUDYING IN HUNGARY UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF APPEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION. ACTION REQUESTED: A.) PLEASE PROVIDE NAME OF EMBASSY CONTACT. B) IF POSSIBLE THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET AMBASSADOR AT SOME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME. KISSINGER
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